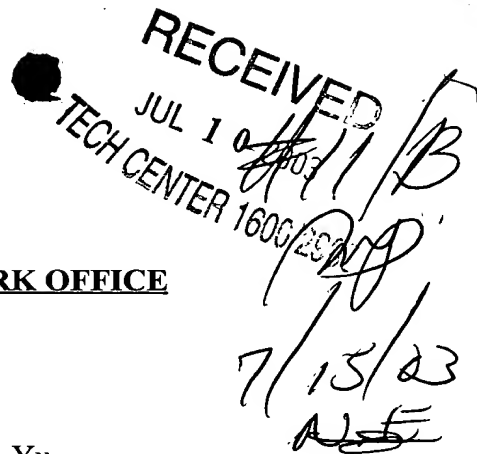


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AND A COMPOUND CAPABLE OF
SCREENING OUT UVA RADIATION



AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

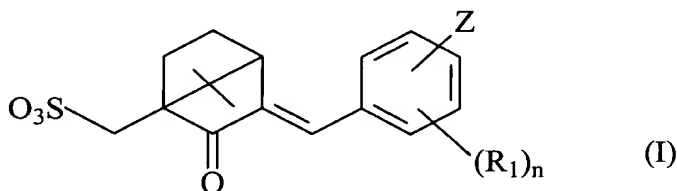
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A composition comprising retinol and a compound of formula (I):



in which

- Z denotes a group of the formula: